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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

In the Senate yesterday the Morgan resolution calling for information relating to the arbitration of the British seizure claims was adopted. —— The House was engaged in consideration of the District of Columbia Appropriation bill. —— An unknown negro who killed the watchman at a tunnel on the N. & W. Railroad, was taken from jail at Bramwell, W. Va., and lynched. —— Fire broke out in the Governor's mansion, Richmond, Va., yesterday evening; but it was discovered and extinguished before much damage was done. —— The British mail steamer Channel Queen wrecked on the island of Guernsey; twenty-two persons were drowned. —— The snow storm at Boston was the most severe in twenty-five years; caused the loss of several lives and damage to property estimated at hundreds of thousands of dollars; shipping greatly damaged; it will require weeks to restore the telegraph and telephone service. —— The Democratic caucus of the Tennessee Legislature nominated T. B. Turley for Senator. —— The prospects for ratification of the Hawaiian treaty have greatly improved. —— About one thousand fishing and other vessels are reported wrecked at Gloucester, Mass.; eighteen lives were lost. —— Reports from many places in New York State last night were that the blizzard was still raging; the worst storm since the memorable one of 1888. —— Nine men escaped from the county jail at Norfolk, Va., last evening, —— A dispatch from Naga Saki, Japan, says the situation is serious, and it is believed Japan is preparing for war. —— A large hotel at Gloversville, N. Y., burned; six lives lost and a dozen or more persons injured. —— Spanish cruiser Vizcaya has sailed from Carthagena for the United States. —— President Dole, of the Hawaiian republic, entertained by President McKinley at the White House; many distinguished guests were present. —— A man, believed however to be insane, has offered to produce Mrs. Luetgert, the wife of the Chicago sausage maker now on trial for her murder. ——N. Y. markets: Money on call was easy at 1½@1½ per cent.; last loan at 1½ per cent.; cotton quiet—middling 5 15-16c; flour quiet and barely steady; wheat—spot steady; No. 2 red $1.04; corn—spot easy; No. 2 30½c; rosin steady—strained, common to good, $1.40@1.45; spirits turpentine quiet at 34@34½c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 1.

Temperature: 8 A.M., 27 deg.; 8 P.M., 29 deg.; maximum, 44 deg.; minimum, 27 deg.; mean, 36 deg.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, T.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Fair, much colder weather prevails over all sections south and east of the lakes under the cold wave. Snow is falling over the lakes. Increasing cloudiness and slowly rising temperatures are reported from the central western valleys. The barometer has risen rapidly over the East and South under the advance of the high area now central over the Tennessee valley. It has fallen decidedly over the Northwest under an entering storm area. The line of freezing extends from south of Wilmington west to Arkansas, and thence northwest to over Nebraska. Temperatures range down to zero at Detroit, the coldest noted. Conditions indicate slowly rising temperature Wednesday afternoon.

Local forecast to 12 o'clock midnight of Wednesday—Fair, colder in morning; then warmer; northerly winds.

Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. 5 feet.

Port Almanac---February 2.

Sun Rises	7.01 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.28 P. M.
Day's Length	10 H. 27 M.
High Water at Southport	4.37 .A M.
High Water, Wilmington	6.17 A. M.

The Missouri girl who writes verse, etc., and announced in her latest effusion that "I stand in the twilight, I'm kissed by the dew," must be a daisy, or something of that sort.

It is estimated that the recent engineers' lock-out and strike in England cost those participating and the nation from $50,000,000 to $60,000,000. That didn't pay.

They have a new kind of insanity in Louisville, Ky. It is the matinee craze. A young lady has just been sent to the asylum because she couldn't find room in her head for anything but matinees and actors.

Dr. Nansen has sailed for home with $40,000, the proceeds of the 67 lectures he delivered in this country. He was to have delivered 100 lectures but got tired of humping from town to town, and threw up the job. He found it harder work than sliding along on Arctic ice.

The Cuban war is an expensive thing not only to Cuba and Spain but to this country also. In consequence of it the commercial losses since the trouble began aggregate $240,000,000, and yet the Spaniards seem to think talk of intervention impudent meddling with an affair with which we have no concern.

Some women are very forgetful. Mrs. Smith, of New York, swore the other day in court that she had forgotten all about having another husband when she married Smith, and wouldn't have thought of it then if some one hadn't reminded her of it. If Smith doesn't keep her reminded of it, she will probably forget that she is married to him.

In Chicago wheat has gone up ten cents within the past week, but it is Mr. Leiter and the other fellows who have it cornered, who are getting the benefit of that. They claim that they now control 15,000,000 bushels, the unsold marketable stock, and are in a position to make their own prices.

Life must be getting to be monotonous in the New England States. Representative Dingley has introduced a bill to exempt from tariff duty wild animals intended for circuses. The wild animal industry isn't one of the "infants" that Mr. Dingley feels bound to coddle.

There must be a good deal of wild oats sowing in Kentucky for a Lexington minister is quoted as saying that of the 300,000 young men in that State between the ages of 18 and 45, only 15,000 are Christians, and 250,000 of them attend no church.

A young woman who is up in the Klondike writes a Philadelphia paper that she has an escort of twenty-five men who will not "allow her to lift a hand even with a frying pan." Perhaps they may have had some experience with a frying pan in the hands of a woman:

Hon. Chauncey M. Depew is doing some fine advertising for Mr. Mills' "Poor Man's Waldorf." He took dinner there the other day, which cost him 15 cents, and says he couldn't have got as good a dinner in an up-town restaurant for less than $1.50.

We imported from British North America last year about 750,000 tons of bituminous coal, worth $2,500,000, while we sold to Canada 3,000,000 tons, worth something more than $6,000,000, and yet our coal miners want tariff protection against Canadian coal.

It is said that the Republicans in the House of Representatives will refuse to support the bill for the publication of the pension rolls, because it will cost something. This is a dodge. One publication would save a thousand times as much as it would cost.

The New York *Sun*, which now shines for the Republicans, wants some bold statesman to tackle the pension monster. If this is an invitation to Republican statesmen they will beg to be excused, for they have no stomach for that kind of a tackle.

Thirty thousand dollars seems to be the value of "alienated affections" in Ohio. That was the amount in which George D. Saxton, of Columbus, a brother of Mrs. McKinley, was assessed for alienating the affections of a neighbor's wife.

About the time the people had begun to forget Tom Watson, after his numerous announcements that he was out of politics, along comes the report that he is to be the Pop. candidate for Governor of Georgia.

A Philadelphia man is said to be crying himself to death. It is pretty hard to live in a pokey old town like that, but why doesn't he move out of it?

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

D. L. Gore—Guano.
Notice—To contractors.
The Worth Co.—Grocers.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

H. R. Savage—Blackjack wood.
Lost—Skye terrier.
Wm. Tienken—Metropolitan barbers

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. E. T. Murphy, of Wallace, spent yesterday in the city.

— Mr. David Schenk, Jr., of Greensboro, is at the Orton.

— Mr. E. P. Wharton, of Asheville, spent last night in the city.

— Dr. E. Porter, of Rocky Point, was a guest at the Orton yesterday.

— Mr. O. L. Clark, of Clarkton, was registered at the Orton yesterday.

— Messrs. B. J. Fisher and G. E. Brodrick, of Greensboro, are guests at the Orton.

— Mr. B. J. Bennett, of Iredell, Brunswick county, was a caller at this office yesterday.

— Mr. James D. Woodroe, who for some time has been stenographer for Mr. Charles M. Whitlock, has taken a similar position with Mr. D. L. Gore.

— Mr. R. W. McKeithan, of Supply, was a STAR visitor yesterday. He is known as the "Red-hot Democrat of Brunswick county," and wears the title well.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Eyota Tribe of Red Men will have a glorious time to-night. Warriors' and chiefs' degrees are to be conferred upon several candidates.

— Rev. Dr. Robert Strange is at Chapel Hill this week, conducting morning prayers at the Chapel, and making short addresses at the Y. M. C. A. services in the evening.

— Mr. Harvey Cox, agent of the Immediate Benefit Life Insurance Company, was out yesterday, after being laid up several days as the result of a runaway on Saturday last.

— Postmaster Chadbourn's commission had not reached him last night, but it is expected daily, and will doubtless be here in time for him to "receive" next Monday morning.

— The communication signed "A Subscriber" is respectfully declined for two reasons. First, it is not accompanied with the real name of the writer, and, second, it is entirely too long for our paper.

— Mr. Wm. A. Willson, Jr., secretary and treasurer of the Sedgeley Hall Club, invites contractors to make proposals for the erection of the club house. See ad. for further particulars.

— The usual monthly statement of cotton and naval stores may be found in the commercial columns. Season's receipts of cotton amount now to 289,006 bales, as against 223,588 bales last year.

— Yes, it was a "bad day for a fire" yesterday; but what was the use of telling it to everybody you met? It is always a "bad day for a fire" when the weather is dry and the wind is blowing a half-gale.

— A young man named Eldridge Smith was fined $50 and costs in Raleigh Monday for turning in a false fire-alarm. The penalty will be worse than that if any fellow is convicted of a similar offence in Wilmington.

— Justice McGowan yesterday placed Frank Robinson, colored, under a $50 justified bond to keep the peace for six months, especially with reference to his wife, Nancy Robinson. It seems that Frank has threatened to take his wife's life. He gave the bond.

— The STAR is reliably informed that, as a further inducement to economically inclined purchasers, Mr. Chadbourn will add to the "bargain counter" at the post-office next Monday, one-cent stamps done up in packages of twenty-six each, and that the price will be only one cent and a quarter.

— It is very gratifying to the members of the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry, and to their "troops of friends" as well, to find that the receipts from the "Mid-Winter Fair" amount to more than $1,300, enough to uniform every member of the company in "the highest style of the art." There's nothing too good for the "Independents."

A GRATIFYING EXHIBIT.

Dr. McMillan's Report as to the Annual Death Rate in Wilmington.

The death statistics as published in the STAR yesterday morning from the records of Dr. W. D. McMillan, Superintendent of Health, deserve more than passing notice, as they show an annual death rate that is gratifyingly small. There were thirty-three deaths of white and colored people during the month, and placing the population at the very low estimate of 24,000, the annual death rate, calculating from January as a basis, is only 16.5 out of every thousand.

There were seven deaths of white people during the month and estimating the white population at 11,000, the annual death rate for whites will be found to be 7.6. The annual death rate of colored people on a population of 13,000 is 24 out of every thousand.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—228 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 14 bbls rosin, 7 bbls tar, 5 bbls crude turpentine.

W. C. & A. Railroad—525 bales cotton, 14 casks spirits turpentine, 94 bbls rosin, 43 bbls tar, 22 bbls crude turpentine.

Carolina Central Railroad—44 bales cotton.

C. F. & Y. V. Railroad—104 bales cotton, 18 casks spirits turpentine, 190 bbls rosin, 31 bbls tar.

Steamer Frank Sessoms—1 bale cotton, 101 casks spirits turpentine, 115 bbls tar.

Steamer E. A. Hawes—10 casks spirits turpentine, 225 bbls rosin, 51 bbls tar.

Robinson's flat—225 bbls rosin.

Total—Cotton, 902 bales; spirits turpentine, 145 casks; rosin, 748 bbls; tar, 247 bbls; crude turpentine, 27 bbls.

The Pasteur Institute.

The Baltimore *Sun* states that Mr. William Price, of Mount Olive, who, as recently stated in the STAR, went to Baltimore for treatment for a mad dog bite, is doing well. The *Sun* says that of the thirty-one patients who have received treatment at the Pasteur Institute since it was opened, April 14, 1897, a larger quota has come from North Carolina than from any other State, including Maryland, and in none have symptoms of rabies subsequently developed.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery.

Y. M. C. ASSOCIATION.

Large Attendance of Members and Friends at the Celebration of the Tenth Anniversary.

ADDRESS BY REV. MR. OLIVER.

A Musical Programme Admirably Rendered—President's Annual Report Showing the Growth and Work of the Association.

The tenth anniversary celebration by Wilmington's Young Men's Christian Association will long be remembered by the concourse of members and friends in attendance, as an occasion of exceptionable pleasurableness and profit, combining that which is enjoyable in devotion, oratory, music and elocution.

The exercises were opened with religious services conducted by Rev. P. C. Morton. Mr. A. J. Howell, Jr., gracefully did the honors of master of ceremonies. He also read the annual report, a synopsis of which is subjoined to this article.

The anniversary address by Rev. Will B. Oliver was an especially appropriate, able and eloquent effort. Space will not admit of a report such at it deserves. In brief, he said the true worth of any movement must be judged by its results. He referred eloquently to the Revolution, the Confederacy, the Cuban war and the Martin Luther Reformation. Results of Y. M. C. A. effort were comprehensively portrayed. He said that when he came to Wilmington he was not in favor of the work; thought it usurped the sphere of the church. But that, he said, he had learned was not true. The secretary here has brought to his attention many young Baptists, new comers, whom he could not have found out otherwise, and was a help in innumerable ways.

He concluded the address with a fervent appeal for Wilmington people to stand firm as can be, shoulder to shoulder and heart to heart, for the uplifting and betterment of young manhood, a work especially espoused by the Association.

The address concluded, the musical features of the evening, arranged under the direction of Miss Cannie Chasten, were rendered most admirably as was emphatically attested by the hearty applause and encores of the audience. The programme was rendered as published in a recent issue of the STAR.

The selection, "When the Bloom is on the Rye" was sang by Cecelia Quartette in a manner which proved the ladies vocalists of exceptionally rare musical talent and culture. They were Miss Cooper and Mesdames Will Latta, J. W. Smith and F. A. Muse.

Miss Ida Brown charmed the audience with her skillful execution of "Valse in A flat Op. 34 No. 1" by Chopin.

A perfect storm of applause followed Miss Maie O'Connor's rendition of "Twilight" from Reddington's Tyrolean serenade. So persistent indeed was the encore that she was obliged to respond and favored the audience with another selection equally as well executed.

A recitation, "Robbie Steptoe," by Miss Hattie Taylor, forcibly revealed to the audience great talent and cultivation as an elocutionist. A persistent encore induced her to respond and a ludicrous rendition of various interpretations of "Cardinal Wolsely's Farewell" from Shakespeare's "Henry VIII," added yet other laurels to her histrionic crown.

A piano selection, Lisst's "Polonaise in E," was played by Miss Bessie D. Burtt with a vigor and touch exercised only by skilled pianists.

The Cicelia Quartette re-appeared, this time singing Kucken-Hawley's "There is One That I Love Dearly." An encore induced them to repeat the chorus.

Mr. Mason Burr skillfully rendered a violin solo, Schumann's "Tranmere." Master James Craft played the piano accompaniment.

The closing number was "Hunting Song," rendered with marvellous sweetness by a quartette composed of Miss Maie O'Connor, Mrs. J. D. Smith and Messrs. Jas. D. Smith and H. K. Holden.

It was past 10 o'clock when the programme was concluded.

President Howell's Report.

The retiring president, Mr. A. J. Howell, Jr., read quite an interesting annual report. The following is a brief synopsis of those features of the report which have not been published in recent issues of the STAR, viz:

It is not, therefore, without the sincerest gratitude that we have been permitted to add another year to our history, and to feel that the next year will be the beginning of the second decade. On November 5th, 1887, five young men, Messrs. George Worth, W. M. Cumming, E. S. Tennent, P. B. Manning and —— Meier, met and organized the institution which God has blessed with such great development and with such unmistakeable evidences of his favor.

Here followed a statement of statistics as to daily attendance, etc., all of which the STAR has recently published.

The property of the Association is unaltered in value since the last report; and the Trustees have provided for the advantageous renting of the Association's stores and offices. We have had, however, one mishap to our property—damage by fire on the south front of the building. For this we collected from the insurance company $380.85.

The bathing facilities of the Association have been very greatly improved; so that now there is perhaps in no Association of the size of ours a superior gymnasium and bath-room. The floor of the gymnasium has been renewed during the year.

Our library and reading room are still perhaps the most important sources of interest to the members; and the influence, both educational and pleasurable, which it exerts, is great in extent and lasting in benefit.

There is another feature of our work in which we take especial pride. This is the night school. We have an agreement with Messrs. Hockey and Rew, whereby our members are offered educational advantages free. There have been forty scholars who have been well taught in several branches by these teachers, whose methods and ability deserve high commendation.

It is with pain that we have to record the death of two of our members during 1897, Messrs. Rufus H. Chasten and David G. Worth. These were among our most loyal and valued members, and the Association mourns their loss.

The Y. M. C. A. should establish a high class business college here, in which the members of the Association shall enjoy especial privileges.

Our Association has had no better friend than Mr. B. G. Worth. If each member of our Association would contribute fifty cents, we could have a handsome portrait of Mr. Worth painted to adorn our walls and to give us in future a pleasing reflection of what we have done to try to show our appreciation of his great services and benefactions for the Association.

I acknowledge the most valuable services to our Association of our general secretary, Mr. T. C. Diggs. His great interest in our work has been shown in every particular, and but for him much would have failed that we have so well accomplished.

FAREWELL RECEPTION.

By the Friday Afternoon Whist Club to One of Their Number Going Abroad.

Miss Martha Williams, daughter of Mr. G. W. Williams, leaves Wilmington on the 9 o'clock C. F. & Y. V. train en route for New York, where she will join Dr. Peyton H. Hoge and party for a tour of Europe and the Holy Land. She will be joined at Fayettevflle by her cousin, Miss Jennie Williams, who will also be a member of the party.

Miss Williams is one of Wilmington's most cultured and esteemed young ladies and her host of friends here regret exceedingly to be deprived of her presence even for so short a time as six months.

Yesterday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock the Friday Afternoon Whist Club, of which Miss Williams is a favorite member, gave a sort of informal farewell reception in honor of their tourist fellow clubwoman.

The event was in the elegant home of Mrs. W. A. Dick, and an afternoon of highest enjoyment was spent. There were several interesting games of whist, after which a sumptuous luncheon (one might well say banquet) was served, for there were toasts and happy responses complimentary to Miss Williams.

The shades of night were well nigh fallen ere the club dispersed, reluctantly bidding Miss Williams good-bye and wishing her bon voyage.

"THE SUBSTITUTE"

To be Repeated for Benefit of Second Regiment Band.

"The Substitute," which was given for the benefit of the Wilmington Light Infantry, will be repeated for the benefit of the Second Regiment Band. Every member of the company who presented the play has been seen and all declared their willingness to take part in the second performance. And yesterday Mr. W. F. Robertson, of the Dramatic Club, addressed a letter to Mr. Jas. W. Monroe, president of the band, signifying the willingness of the club to comply with President Monroe's request. The Second Regiment Band is one of the popular organizations of the city and one in which the public takes great pride. It is likely, therefore, that a large audience will assemble to witness the second presentation of "The Substitute," especially as the first performance was in every way so creditable.

Stolen Chickens.

Mr. J. Albert Schroeder, while on his way home last night about 10.30 o'clock, had an exciting experience with a chicken thief. He was walking down Ann street and was at the corner of Third and Ann when he saw a man coming up Ann. He heard chickens squalling at the same time, and shouted to the man, "put down those chickens." The thief turned and ran to Second street and into an alley near the corner of Second and Ann. Mr. Schroeder followed, but gave up the chase after entering the alley and hearing the unknown person "hustling" over fences and other obstacles. He secured the thief's hat, which is of white wool with a black band, and took it to the City Hall last night to be identified.

On his way home Mr. Schroeder found a hen and rooster which the thief had dropped in his flight. He took charge of the poultry, and says he will have chicken pie for dinner to-day.

Moss Wanted.

Mr. T. D. Meares, General Agent of the Seaboard Air Line, is in receipt of a letter asking for information about moss that grows in this section. It is wanted by the Alabama Nursery Company, of Huntsville, Ala., for packing trees, plants, etc.

The variety that has been used heretofore is known as sphagnum moss and has been obtained from New Jersey and Wisconsin; but the nursery company think that they can find in the South a moss that they can use, and wherever it can be found in sufficient quantities they will erect a plant for baling it and will find a market for fifty carloads per annum. If the right kind of moss grows in any of our swamps, here is an opportunity for some one.

— Mr. Paul Slocumb, of Fayetteville, has come to Wilmington to become Secretary of the Carolina Cooperage Company.

IN SUPERIOR COURT.

Judgment for Defendant in Case of S. J. Davis and Others Versus T. S. Lutterloh.

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL APPEAL

Non-Suits Entered in a Number of New Hanover Bank Cases On the Motion Docket—To-day's Calendar.

Yesterday in the New Hanover Superior Court the calendar for the day was completed and a number of motion docket cases disposed of. Calendar cases were as follows:

J. Davis, receiver, vs. Butters Lumber Co.; continued.

S. J. Davis, et al. vs. T. S. Lutterloh, required a jury, and the hearing consumed the greater portion of the day. After hearing the evidence pro and con, His Honor, Judge Adams took the case from the jury, and ruled that in law the case was barred by the statute of presumption. Jno. D. Bellamy, as counsel for plaintiff, made a motion for a new trial, but was overruled. He then gave notice of an appeal. This was waived and thirty days allowed for filing statements of case and fifteen days for counter statement. The defendant was represented by Frank McNeill, Esq., of this city, and Judge R. P. Buxton, of Fayetteville.

A decree was issued empowering Col. Taylor, as Clerk of the Superior Court, to pay out of certain moneys in his custody ten dollars per annum to Owen Burney, Owen Nash, Bessie Nash and La Fayette Nash, minors, for whom said fund is held by the Court.

Non suits were entered in the following cases:

Equitable National Bank, vs. G. W. Williams et al; W. E. Storm and wife, vs. G. W. Williams et al; Samuel Carmon, vs. G. W. Williams et al; Mechanics Bank, St. Louis, vs. G. W. Williams et al; Thos. Wilson, vs. G. W. Williams et al.

The following cases constitute today's calendar: W. E. Worth, receiver, vs. E. P. Wharton; W. E. Worth, receiver, vs. B. J. Fisher; W. E. Worth, receiver, vs. H. M. Worth, and Jno. S. Watters vs. American Manufacturing and Export Co.

AFFAIRS OF THE CITY.

Bills Approved by the Board of Audit and Finance, Including Quarantine Expenses, $405.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Audit and Finance was held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Those present were W. H. Chadbourn, chairman, C. W. Yates, H. C. McQueen and J. H. Webber.

A communication was read from Fred. B. Rice, city clerk and tax collector, stating that at a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held Monday night, January 24, five public vaccinators were chosen at salaries not to exceed $25 per week.

The communication stated further that Mr. Rice had been informed that the salaries would all be discontinued at the expiration of one week.

On motion, $125 was appropriated upon condition that the vaccinators be paid for one week only.

Bills were audited and approved for current expenses, $4,602.98; quarantine expenses, $405.48; commissions charged by the Atlantic National Bank for paying $7,000 worth of July coupons, $17.50.

There was no further business and the Board adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

THE PUBLIC VACCINATORS.

Their Services to be Dispensed With After One Week's Work.

As will be seen by reference to the report of the meeting of the Board of Audit and Finance, the people will soon be relieved of the trouble of telling the public vaccinator that his services are not required. When each of the vaccinators shall have finished one week's work, his services will be dispensed with. The vaccinators began work Tuesday, Jan. 25, and leaving out Saturday, on which all or nearly all of them laid off, finished the first week last night, or would have done so if they hadn't lost some time from bad weather and other discouragements. At any rate, the agony will soon be over, though the Board of Health insists that the people are standing in their own light in refusing to allow themselves to be made proof against one of the most horrible diseases.

A Mayor's Court Again.

There was a Mayor's court yesterday for the first time in several days, but there was only one case on the docket. That was against Ed Branch, who was charged with drunkenness, disorderly conduct and resisting an officer. Mayor Wright bound him over to court on a $50 justified bond. However, Branch has not yet been able to find security and it is probable that he will have to await the session of the criminal court in jail.

Veteran Corps Band Concert.

The reserved sale of seats for the concert of the Veteran Corps Band at the Opera House to-morrow evening, opened at Gerken's this morning. The price is fifty cents for admission, with no extra charge for reserved seats, and at this figure no doubt a packed house will greet this excellent musical organization.

WILMINGTON SEACOAST RAILROAD COMPANY.

Excellent Showing Made at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders—Officers Elected for This Year.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wilmington Seacoast Railroad Company was held yesterday at noon in the rooms of the Merchants' Association of Wilmington.

The stock was well represented and the meeting was highly satisfactory, stockholders having been especially pleased with the excellent showing made in the annual reports of the various officials. A marked increase of business was indicated with good prospects for yet greater improvement.

The following Board of Directors was elected: Messrs. Geo. R. French, Oscar Pearsall, C. W. Worth, J. S. Worth, Jas. H. Chadbourn, Jr., W. H. Chadbourn and George L. Morton.

After the adjournment of the stockholder's meeting the Directors met and elected officers as follows: President, Mr. George R. French; Vice President, Mr. Geo. L. Morton; Traffic Manager, E. S. Latimer; Secretary and Treasurer, J. S. Worth; Superintendent, Mr. Oscar Grant. Executive committee, Messrs. Geo. R. French, Geo. L. Morton and Jas. H. Chadbourn, Jr.

Death of Mrs. N. B. Herring.

The STAR learns with sorrow of the death of Mrs. N. B. Herring, mother of Mrs. Oscar Pearsall and Mr. W. H. Herring, of this city. She was an estimable lady, and there are many who are sincerely grieved to learn that she is no more. She died on Monday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. Fletcher Parker, Enfield, N. C. The remains will arrive here at 9.30 o'clock this morning over the Atlantic Coast Line. Mr. W. H. Herring went up to Wilson last night to meet the remains and accompany them here. The funeral will take place from St. Andrew's Presbyterian church this morning immediately upon the arrival of the train.

Knights of Honor.

At a regular meeting of Carolina Lodge No. 434, Knights of Honor, held last night, Deputy Grand Dictator J. M. McGowan, assisted by T. O. Bunting as Past Grand Dictator, H. McL. Green, Grand Guide, installed the following officers to serve during the year 1898:

S. P. D.—R. M. Wescott.
D.—Geo. N. Harriss.
V. D.—A. L. DeRosset
A. D.—A. J. Howell
Reporter—S. G. Hall.
F. R.—T. O. Bunting.
Treas.—J. L. Cantwell.
Chaplain—N. Jacobi.
G.—R. C. Cantwell.
Guardian—C. Reaves.
Sentinel—J. M. McGowan.
Trustees—N. Jacobi, R. C. Cantwell, Jno. D. Bellamy, Jr.

CAPE FEAR AND YADKIN.

Decision of Court of Appeals Not Handed Down Yesterday.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals convened in Richmond yesterday, with Judges Goff, Paul, Jackson and Simonton in attendance; but, contrary to general expectation, the decision in the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railway case was not handed down. As fully explained in the STAR of Sunday, this decision will settle the question as to the mode of selling the road—whether as a whole or by divisions.

Repudiation Rumors.

There is some talk of a movement here among Republicans looking to a repudiation of the bonds issued by the city to the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railway. Presumably, the bonds issued to the Wilmington and Newbern road are also included, as the bonds for both roads were voted on at the same election. Wonder if this subject was discussed at the little Republican tea party held at Ocean View last Sunday? "What are the wild waves saying?"

Meteorological.

The monthly summary for January, 1898, shows that the mean temperature at the Wilmington Weather Bureau station was 50 degrees; highest temperature, 76 degrees on the 12th; lowest, 18 degrees on the 2d. The mean temperature for this month for 28 years is 47 degrees. The prevailing direction of wind was west; maximum velocity, 36 miles an hour on the 23d. The total rainfall was 1.40 inches. The average precipitation for this month for 28 years, 3.24 inches.

Fire Early This Morning.

A frame dwelling on North Sixth street, No. 1002, occupied by Maggie Walker, colored, was damaged by fire this morning about half-past one o'clock; the roof of the building being burned off. The fire department was promptly on hand soon after the alarm was turned in and extinguished the fire.

New Firm.

Mr. Vance Croom has been admitted to co-partnership with his brother, Mr. J. L. Croom. The firm will be styled J. L. Croom & Bro., and on or about February 15 they will occupy the handsome new double store recently completed for Mrs. A. Newbury by Mr. H. A. Tucker.

A Cold Day.

Yesterday was one of the coldest days of the season. At 8 o'clock yesterday morning the mercury in the Weather Bureau office registered 27 degrees and last night at 8 o'clock it was 29, with a good prospect of dropping to 20 by morning.

"A BRIGHT AND GROWING DAILY."

In the Front Rank of North Carolina Journalism.

[*Rockingham Index*]

The Wilmington STAR is now appearing in a handsome new dress. New body type and an attractive series of headletter not only greatly improve its general appearance, but make a neat, clear impression that few papers can equal. The initial number, then a newsy little daily, greeted its readers just 30 years ago. Its management has never changed and during that long period it has visited its readers regularly every morning. To the editor, Mr. William H. Bernard, the *Index* cheerfully extends its heartiest congratulations and hopes that the future years of his useful life may be many and abundantly prosperous, and may the bright and growing daily that has remained so long in his charge continue in its merited and well earned place, the front rank of North Carolina journalism.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

The funeral of the late Mrs. N. B. HERRING will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church this morning at 9.30 o'clock, or as soon as the train arrives at the W. & W. R. R. Depot. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Notice to Contractors.

PROPOSALS ARE INVITED FOR THE erection of a Club House on Carolina Beach, for the Sedgeley Hall Club. Plans and specifications can be seen by applying to H. E. Bonitz, architect. Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned till 12 o'clock noon, February 16th. Executive committee reserves right to reject any or all bids. WM. A. WILLSON, Jr.,
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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB. 2

A BOSTON VIEW OF IT.

The Boston *Commercial Bulletin* does not think the New England mills have any reason to view the future with gloomy forebodings, or that Southern competition is such a formidable factor as some represent it to be. In discussing the recent reduction of wages and the strikes in some of the mills it speaks as follows:

"An extended strike very frequently marks the culmination of a period of depression in an industry, and while we can give no satisfactory assurance that such will prove to be true in the cotton industry, we are nevertheless truly inclined to the belief that when this big strike is settled, the cotton manufacturing industry of New England will begin a period of revivication and rehabilitation, and that those pessimists who predicted final and irremedial ruin for the industry in New England, because of Southern competion, will be compelled to modify their views.

Southern competition is a fact and not a theory, and its being a fact will necessitate a reduction in the difference in wages paid to the mill operatives of the North and South. This competition is felt most keenly in coarse goods, but owing to the difference in intelligence of the Northern and Southern operative, the manufacture of fine goods and specialties will continue to be confined indefinitely to the North. The Northern operative will not work in the small "dead-and-alive" Southern mill hamlet; he must work in a city or near one, where the opportunities for pleasure and enjoyment are not too limited. All previous efforts to induce the Northern operatives to work in the South have failed.

Here then is a great factor in favor of the industry remaining in the North. Southern operatives will not in many, many years rank of the same relative intelligence as the Northern mill hand because of environment, natural conditions, and lack of educational advantages. The Southern operative, however, will become gradually more expert, and as he does so, the natural result will be an increase in wages beyond Mason and Dixon's line. Such increase will help maintain the wage schedule of the Northern mill hand as tending to maintain the parity so to speak of the two classes of labor of the two sections.

"The country which will suffer most from the development of cotton manufacturing in the South is not New England, but old England. The South has unexcelled advantage for the manufacture of coarse cottons, and by means of its cheap colored labor, its proximity to the raw material, thus saving transportation charges, it can compete successfully with the big Lancashire cotton spinners of England. Southern manufacturers will be able to drive English goods from the Orient and we predict that they will do this in the years to come.

"Therefore, the cotton mill operatives now on strike in New England should exercise a little patience. Let them, of course, secure as good wages as they can, but let them also remember that cotton manufacturing both here and in England is in a somewhat disturbed state and that the inevitable result of these disturbances will be the supremacy of America in cotton manufacturing.

"The field which the Southern manufacturer should assiduously cultivate is the export trade. One reason for the present reduction in wages in New England mills and the resultant strike, is that the Southern mills have suffered a decrease in their export business to China. This caused Southern goods to be thrown on the Northern market with the result that the profits of Northern manufacturers met reduction and overproduction ensued. This China trade will sooner or later be resumed in much larger volume than before, and then the pressure of goods on the market will be considerably lessened.

"The price of raw cotton is not without its adverse effect on the manufacturing situation, tending naturally to keep the prices of the manufactured article on a low basis. If the South raises another such a crop as she raised last year, bankruptcy to planters and handlers of cotton would not be surprising. Overproduction of the staple can have the most serious results for the South, and it would seem as though she ought to take the lesson of present statistics very much to heart. Cotton has sold this season at the lowest price on record."

The apparent objects in this article are to remove the impression that the New England milling industry is in peril and must finally succumb to Southern competition, and to persuade the mill operatives to prepare themselves for the lower wages which the conditions which confront the industry in their section make inevitable. But if, as suggested, the New England mills devote themselves to the manufacture of fine goods, and the South, which, according to our Boston contemporary, cannot or will not compete in these, but will confine herself to coarse goods, where is the necessity for reducing the wages of the New England operatives to offset the effect of Southern competition?

While there is much in this article that is true as it applies to the present and prospectively true as it applies to the future the writer assumes a good deal for which he has little ground to stand upon. He assumes that the South will not be able to engage extensively in the manufacture of fine goods because it cannot secure the necessary skilled labor from New England, and can't count upon a sufficiency of it among the natives. The writer had evidently forgotten the reports made by Northern mill men who have visited the South, some of whom assert that the labor which they found in Southern mills was on the average more intelligent and apt to learn than the labor in the New England mills, which is now largely composed of Canadians. He also forgets that it is not so many years since the difficulty of finding people to work in the mills was assigned as one of the reasons why it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to establish the cotton manufacturing industry extensively in the South. And yet in the face of all these predictions the industry has attained colossal proportions, has been growing steadily from the start, and there never has been any difficulty in securing all the operatives necessary and that without going far to find them.

He has forgotten also that there has been a marked improvement in the lines of goods made in the South, and that many are made now which were not attempted a few years ago, and all these are the work of native labor, which began on coarse goods and went from one grade to another. There is no mystery in the loom that ordinary intelligence, which desires to master it, cannot master. In this, as in all kinds of business, there are some who acquire skill more readily than others, but there is no line of goods made in New England that is beyond the capacity of Southern operatives to learn with some training. This knowledge wasn't born in the New England operatives, who had to acquire it by training and practice.

It may, as our comtemporary seems to think, be considerable time before the South will venture to compete with New England in the finer lines of goods, the Southern mill men contenting themselves with the coarser grades while they can find a ready and reasonably profitable market for these; but when the time comes that it will be necessary to move up higher and branch out more, the Southern mill men will do it; by that time they will be prepared to do it, and they will find the labor, too, as they have found labor to turn out the various grades that now come from Southern looms.

But the *Commercial Bulletin* evidently believes there is a great future for the Southern cotton mills, in which the mills of Old England have more to fear than the mills of New England. We have in these columns expressed the opinion that both New England and Old England would be compelled to yield the sceptre to the South, and possibly the mills of Old England may be forced to yield before the mills of New England, which are closer to the supplies of cotton, but this industry is just as surely destined to be dominated by the South as the growing of cotton is, and for the same reason, that the South has the natural advantages with which neither New England nor Old England can successfully compete for many years.

MINOR MENTION.

S. Otho Wilson may not be entitled to any particular credit for his fight against the bosses who are running the Republican and Populist combine in this State, but he strikes a solid chunk of truth sometimes in his editorials in *The Hayseeder*. Otho was for some time one of the bosses himself, but he got tangled up with Marion Butler and Governor Russell, and the two to one—a heavy weight and a light weight—were too much for him. They got him down, but they couldn't prevent him from kicking and "sassing" back, which he continues to do from week to week in his paper, and orally, as the opportunity presents itself. But, as we remarked, there is a good deal of truth in his "sass" and aside from his own rough experience, a good deal of ground for his kicking. The following we clip from an editorial in last week's issue, because there is truth in it and because it is also suggestive of some things that Populists might think of with some profit. Discussing the efforts of Governor Russell and Marion Butler to form a new party Editor Wilson says:

"Preferment has been given all those who would prove treacherous to their party and bow down to the bosses, while the old guards who were Populists when the bosses and their pets were either skulking in their tents, planning to steal your votes or trying to hold you in line with your oppressors. It is time that we all be vigilant and watch the suspicious moves and actions of those that are trying to betray you with a kiss, who, when they see failure staring them in the face, will say they were only fooling somebody or playing politics. We have had enough of this playing politics, and it is time that we knew where every man stands.

"We appeal to every true Populist to hold up the hands of those who are standing for unity and to put your heel on the neck of every man who is trying to trade you off."

How any thinking, respectable Populist can look back and contemplate the disgraceful scramble for places and the disgusting dickering by the patronage distributors, without a feeling of disgust and indignation is one of the things we can't understand, especially since they cannot see any benefit to themselves (if they have not benefitted by the dickering) or for the people by the support they have given the men who posed as their leaders. Marion Butler has gone to the Senate as one of the fruits of the miscegenation with the Republicans, and Jeter Pritchard went to the Senate, and Daniel L. Russell became Governor as more of the fruits, and a Legislature was elected which was a disgrace to North Carolina. In all the history of the party manipulations since there is visible no good fruit nor anything of which they as citizens of North Carolina may feel proud. The history made since this combine came into power has been one of humiliation and degradation. Mr. Wilson does well to warn his people against being further betrayed, but they would do better to get outside of the lines, and join the host of patriotic citizens who are determined to cleanse the public places of the presence of these political buncoers and place hunting dickerers, who are using better men for their own preferment.

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Of course no one had any idea that the Teller resolution would pass the House of Representatives, for if there had been any probability of its passing Speaker Reid would never have permitted it to come before the House. They had a motive in bringing it up, and that was to vote it down, in order that the declaration of the House against it might offset the declaration of the Senate for it, and thus put the bondholders, who own the Republican party, more at their ease. That this was the purpose, and that they attached no importance to the merits of the resolution is shown by the limited time allowed for debate, if the few minutes allotted to the speakers can be called a debate. The Democrats succeeded in doing what they desired to do, that is to put the Republicans in the House of Representatives on record as ignorers of their own platform declarations, and as repudiators of a resolution which was drafted in the first instance by a Republican Senator and passed as the sense of the Republican party with the votes of nearly every Republican in Congress in 1878. That resolution still remains on the statute books unrepealed, although it has been ignored by the Secretaries of the Treasury since, especially since 1890 when they transferred the option, provided for in the resolution, from the Government to the Government's creditors. Republicans in Congress voted for the resolution in 1878 as a party measure, and Democrats voted for it because it was right, and Republicans in this Congress voted against it because it was not a party measure although some of them were in Congress then and voted for it, which shows that they were actuated more by party considerations than by the loyalty or morality of the resolution. It is well that they have been put upon record for gold for they will have to face that record before the people.

TWINKLINGS.

— A Case in Point Wellman—"There's no use talking. No man can serve two masters."

Eddison—"Oh, I don't know. Mrs. Griffith's husband voted for Mark Hanna, didn't he?"

— "Do you think that glasses tend to weaken the sight?" asked Col. Stillwell's friend. And after pensive consideration the Colonel replied: It depends, suh, intiahly on how many you take."—*Washington Star.*

— Misunderstood Again: He—"Ah, dearest, you must pardon me if I seem to be somewhat uncouth in the presence of woman. I have never had a mother. Will you be mine? Will you——"

She—"Wretch! Begone."

— Dollie—"I wonder why Love is represented always with wings?"

Mollie—"They are for him to use in flying out of the window when Poverty comes in at the door. Don't you know that much?"—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

— "Kathleen Moorfay is an enigma to me." "How so?" "Even since her father has become rich and they've been admitted to society, I have never heard her claim to be descended from Irish kings."—*Cleveland Leader.*

— "Paw," asked the little boy, "what is a silver wedding?"

After thoughtfully stroking his magnificent beard, the Chicago Populist answered:

"A silver wedding is when a woman has been married sixteen years to one man."—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

— Bobby—"Aunt Nellie, what became of the swine that had evil spirits cast into them; in the Bible?"

Aunt Nellie—"They plunged headforemost into the sea, Bobby."

Bobby (triumphantly)—"Not a bit of it, auntie. They were made into devilled ham."—*Harlem Life.*

— A Slight Difference: Diggs—"I have just finished reading an account of how they burned heretics at the stake in ancient times. Such barbarism would not be tolerated in this enlightened age."

Biggs—"No, indeed. The modern heretic is let off with a roast in the religious journals."

— City Boarder—"What occasions such a racket on the part of the hen?"

Farmer—"Oh, I guess she has just laid another egg."

City Boarder—"What, laid another egg! One would think from the noise she makes, that she had laid the corner stone of a church!"

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Salisbury *Truth:* The Salisbury Hosiery Mills have just received an order for 3,000 dozen pair half hose from a New York house. This will keep the mill running for near a month Including other orders on hand the mill will be kept busy until May.

— Salisbury *Sun:* Two hundred and sixty people, men, women and children, were vaccinated at the city hall last Satnrday. The physicians of the city had offered their services for two hours and during that time the number mentioned availed themselves of the opportunity.

— Sanford *Express:* Mr. John H. Burke died at his home in Dunn last Sunday morning, after a few days illness, of pneumonia. Mr. Burke was about 31 years of age. He moved from Sanford to Dunn some eight or nine years ago, where he has since engaged in business. —— From what the *Express* can learn the farmers will reduce the acreage of cotton very little if any.

— Salisbury *World:* Probably the largest live hog to be found in North Carolina is owned by Mr. J. C. Hedrick, of Silver Hill, Davidson county. Deputy Collector Thompson tells us that he saw this mammoth piece of hog flesh and that it measures ten feet around. From tip to tip it is eleven feet in length and weighs 900 pounds. This hog is now two years old, and despite his weight is able to get around with celerity when the occasion requires.

— Greensboro *Telegram:* On the new railway, the Durham & Charlotte, which is now being built through Moore county, what appears to be a rich vein of gold ore was discovered a few days ago. This find is about one mile from the junction of the Durham & Charlotte with the Carthage & Western, and not more than two miles from the Belle gold mine. Specimens of the ore from this new find have been sent to Philadelphia to be assayed. Local experts have pronounced it good.

— Lexington *Dispatch:* Quite a horrible affair occurred at Mr. S. J. Finch's upper mill last Wednesday. Mr. David H. Tysinger who was subjebt to epileptic fits, was attacked by one and while in that condition his clothing caught on fire, his lower limbs, from his body to his feet was burned to a solid crisp. He was carried to the residence of Mr S. J. Finch. Dr. Thames was immediately summoned to treat the case but said that medical aid would be of no ayail. He was taken to his home Friday and died the next day at the age of 50 years.

— Concord *Times:* Mr. George W. Means runs a big poultry yard at his home on South Maine street. He raises and sells Cuban games exclusively, and has sold over $500 worth this year. He ships them to Mexico, Nova Scotia, and all over the United States. —— On Friday afternoon about 5 o'clock Mr. Lewis E. Peck, of No. 7 township, was overtaken by a horrible death at the Isenhour mine, where he was working. Mr. Peck had just two hours before been appointed to take charge of the new engine, and it was while working with this that he met his death. No one but himself was present when he was killed, and it is supposed that his clothing was caught by a set screw which revolved rapidly with the pulley, and that he was thus hurled to his death. It seems that the button hole in his overall jacket got caught on the screw, and the cloth being very strong did not give way. The jar to the machinery attracted the attention of others near, and when they got to Mr. Peck they found him horribly mangled and of course lifeless. One leg was torn from his body, one arm was broken, and his head was badly bruised.

CURRENT COMMENT

—— Mr. Foraker wants to know if one American dollar won't buy two Mexican dollars. It will, Benjy, it will; and on the same principle, and for the same reason, that fifty American dollars will buy two bales of cotton, when formerly they would buy only one.—*Atlanta Constitution, Dem.*

—— Bourke Cochran is to lecture on "Charity—the Essential Virtue of Christianity, the Vital Principle of Democracy." If Bourke knows no more about Christianity than he does about Democracy his hearers may be entertained, but they cannot be enlightened.—*Knoxville Tribune, Dem.*

—— The President is a smooth politician, but the smooth politician is the one who needs most to be cautioned against the dog in the water who dropped his bone in attempting to seize its shadow. The removal of Mint Director Preston may strengthen him with the silver Republicans, but what shall it profit him if he hold the silver Republicans and lose the gold Republicans? *Louisville Courier-Journal, Dem.*

—— Bradstreet's reported a week ago that there has been a "considerble rise in "the prices of 98 staple commodities" in this country during the past six or eight months. Congressman Greene noted on the floor of the House a day or two later that "not a single farm product except wheat and wool was higher to-day than a year ago." Such is the character of Republican Protection "prosperity."—*Charleston News and Courier, Dem.*

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The Fiery Serpents.

The fiery serpents mentioned as having been sent to bite the Jews during their wanderings in the wilderness are said by some commentators to have been so called not from their appearance, but because their bite occasioned high fever and intense inflammation. There is a common species of sand viper in parts of Arabia whose biting occasions the same symptoms today.

In a recent letter from Washington, D. C., to an old friend, Major G. A. Studer, for twenty years United States Consul at Singapore, says: "While at Des Moines I became acquainted with a liniment known as Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I found excellent against rheumatism as well as against soreness of the throat and chest (giving me much easier breathing). I had a touch of pneumonia early this week, and two applications freely applied to the throat and chest relieved me at once. I would not be without it for anything." For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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A GREAT JOKER

Paris Thought the Announcement of Masson's Death Another Trick.

When Paul Masson died in Paris, the news spread rapidly all over the gay capital. But nobody believed it. They said in the cafes, "It's only another of his tricks." And Paris laughed loudly, as she had been laughing for years at the pranks of the harebrained joker, who was always gravely before the public with some plan, scheme or practical joke, not at all funny in itself, but always so idiotic as to excite laughter. This time, however, it was not one of Masson's jokes. He was really dead.

Masson was a mystifier. Some thought he was crazy, but he was not. Others, and they were more nearly right, regarded him merely as a lover of notoriety. He was at heart, however, a joker, often a malicious one at that, and none enjoyed his pranks half so much as he did himself. His idiocies were bereft of intrinsic humor, and in nearly every case inflicted pain upon his victims or caused them no end of trouble. People laughed because they were so impossible. None but Masson could contrive such situations.

He was originally a judge at Chandernagor and proved to be a judicial mountebank of the most obnoxious sort. He first came into general notoriety by denouncing in Le Figaro, in a letter signed "Rosario," an imaginary expulsion of Jesuits. His object was to get from the government a commission to make an investigation into the identity of "Rosario."

He returned to Paris with his name in the public mouth, and immediately announced that he was to be forthwith married to a young negress from Dahomey, then in the Jardin d'Acclimatation. He gave out that the ceremony was to be performed at a Hindoo temple and that M. Maurice Barres was to pronounce a discourse. All Paris was straightway in a hubbub of curiosity and excitement.

He it was who sent to the press a letter of resignation with the forged signature of a well known Radical deputy, M. Maujan, making thereby another sensation; but this was nothing to his prank of forging the signature of the well known art amateur Osiris to a promissory note for 50,000 francs for the new Salon and sending it to Meissonier.

Once he issued invitation cards in the name of the Duc d'Orleans to all the best known men of Paris. The prince was confined in the Conciergerie at the time, and the commotion and general misunderstanding that followed were a nine days' talk, and after the terrible railway accident at Saint Mande, in which so many passengers were burned to death, this indefatigable clown conceived the idea of presenting the Academy of Sciences with a scheme for preventing fatal railway accidents in future.

Engines were to be provided with inclined planes of wood in front and behind, fitted with rails, enabling the colliding trains to slide one over the other. The institute submitted the suggestion to its railroad committee, and M. Masson was overjoyed.

He issued in the name of General Boulanger a volume of "Political Thoughts" which had the merit of being characteristic, and on the strength of this and other works, including "The Diary of My Youth," by Prince Bismarck, he became a candidate to the French academy.

These are only the more notable of his pranks. His whole life, almost every act of it, was a practical joke.—New York Herald.

ONE MILLIONAIRE'S START.

Penniless, He Went Right Over to the Bank and Got the Money.

A young German immigrant, who had not a dollar in the world and no relatives, friends or acquaintances in America, worked his way westward from New York until he reached a small town in Ohio, where he secured a position as clerk in a flour and feed store and went to work. In almost an incredibly short time he learned the English language and had mastered the few details of the business he was in.

One day he walked into another feed store a few blocks away, said that he had heard that the proprietor of the place desired to sell out and inquired the price. The feed dealer wanted $1,500. After a few inquiries the caller said:

"All right. I will call tomorrow at 10, and ye'll go over to the bank and get the money."

No one knew anything about the young German. The feed store man who wanted to sell jumped to the conclusion that the prospective purchaser must have brought considerable money from Germany. The next day, promptly on time, the German called to take possession.

"Come on," he said; "ve'll go rights over to the bank now and get the money."

Together they entered the bank. The German approached the cashier's window, introduced himself and said:

"Dis is Mr. Jones, who keeps the feed store on Main street. I haf bought out his place for $1,500, and ve haf called to get the money."

"I beg your pardon," replied the cashier, "but you have no account here, have you?"

"You don't understand," earnestly remarked the German. "I don't vant an account at all. I vant only the money."

"But you have no money in this bank," explained the official.

"Of course not," assented the caller. "If I had money, I vould pay dis man myself. But I haven't any money at all, so I must come to you to get it."

"But we can't let you have money unless you first give it to us."

"Then why is a bank?" excitedly demanded the would be borrower.

The colloquy which ensued waxed so loud that the president of the bank came out of his private office to see what was the matter. He took the young German in hand personally. The latter told the banker all about himself and his aims, and in less than half an hour the bank had loaned him $1,500 and held a first mortgage on a feed store owned by the happiest young foreigner in America.

That occurred many years ago, it is true, but that young German today is the head of a corporation capitalized at $4,000,000, and his name, if I were to give it here, would be recognized instantly as one of the leading business men of this country.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Frank Sherwood was down town today, the first time since he had his tussle with cholera morbus. He says he drove thirty miles after he was taken, and never came so near dying in his life. After this, when he goes out in the country he will take a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy with him.—Missouri Valley (Iowa) Times. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6¾
Standard		@	7¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	5½	@	5½
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	5½
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each		@	1 30
New City, each		@	1 20
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	28
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	44	@	45
Virginia Meal	44	@	45
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	85
CANDLES—℔ ℔			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE—℔ ℔			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State	10½	@	12
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	20	@	20
Rio	18	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	15½
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen		@	12½
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl.	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl.	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 00	@	3 50
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
Extra	4 35	@	5 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade		@	3 75
Choice		@	4 75
Straight		@	5 00
First Patent	5 25	@	6 00
GLUE—℔ ℔	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White		@	47½
Car load, in bags—White		@	46
Oats, from store		@	35
Oats, Rust Proof		@	40
Cow Peas		@	55
HIDES—℔ ℔—			
Green		@	7
Dry		@	8
HAY, ℔ 100 lbs—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	88
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	2¾	@	3
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5½	@	6
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 35
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	30 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	26
Barbadoes in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		@	27
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	28
Sugar-House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar-House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	12	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis		@	1 50
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess		@	10 50
Rump		@	10 00
Prime		@	10 00
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	60
Lisbon		@	
American		@	65
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@	45
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 50	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd		@	5¾
Standard A		@	5¼
White Extra C		@	5¼
Extra C, Golden		@	4¾
C, Yellow		@	4⅜
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	6 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed			
℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x24 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
Sap	5 00	@	5 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon—Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL ℔ ℔—Unwashed	8	@	15

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 2, 1898.

SCHOONERS.

Cora McKay, 167 tons, Matheson, Jas T Riley & Co.

Chas C Lister, 267 tons, Robinson, Geo Harriss, Son & Co. [At Caswell.]

Jennie F Willey, 330 tons, Bulger, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Jno C Cottingham, 226 tons, Thomas, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

S Warren Hall, 152 tons, Hill, Geo Harriss, Son & Co. [At Caswell.]

Bessie Parker (Br) 228 tons, Carter, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Edgar C Ross, 380 tons, Harvey, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Estelle, 389 tons, Hutchinson, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Harold J McCarty, 297 tons, Hawley, Boston, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Mattie A Franklin, 489 tons, McDonald, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Dora Allison, 323 tons, Sooy, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Isaiah K Stetson, 298 tons, Trask, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Roger Moore, 277 tons, Miller, Jas T Riley & Co.

BARQUES.

Bygdo (Nor) 496 tons, Aagesen, Jas T Riley & Co.

Trans-Atlantic (Nor) 579 tons, Petersen, Paterson, Downing & Co.

BRIGS.

M. C. Haskell, 350 tons, Wingfield, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

STEAMSHIPS.

Lucina (Br) 1689 tons, Creese, Alex Sprunt & Son.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, February 1.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Market quiet at 32 cents per gallon for machine-made casks and 31½ cents for country casks.

ROSIN.—Market firm at $1.15 per bbl for Strained and $1.20 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market steady at $1.00 per bbl of 280 lbs. Brokers reported sales at 95 cents.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market steady at $1.40 per barres for Hard, $1.90 for Dip and 1.90 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine, steady, 25¼, 24½c; rosin firm, $1.45, $1.50; tar steady, 95c; crude turpentine, nothing doing.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	145
Rosin	748
Tar	247
Crude Turpentine	27

Receipts same day last year.—31 casks spirits turpentine, 263 bbls rosin, 50 bbls tar, 0 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 5⅜c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4 15-16 cts. ℔ lb.
Good Ordinary	4¼ " "
Low Middling	5 15-16 " "
Middling	5¾ " "
Good Middling	5⅞ " "

Same day last year, middling 6⅞c.

Receipts—902 bales; same day last year, 471.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 35@40c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50. Virginia—Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c.

CORN—Firm; 47½@50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—$1.00@1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON—steady; hams 8 to 9c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to $2.25; six inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to $7.50 per M.

Cotton and Naval Stores.

MONTHLY STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

For month of January, 1898.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
18,613	2,139	14,550	7,709	366

RECEIPTS.

For month of January, 1897.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
14,971	1,930	16,066	5,674	362

EXPORTS.

For month of January, 1898.

	Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
Domestic	1,705	2,298	750	3,975	338
Foreign	35,115	9	7,019	1,512	000
	36,820	2,307	7,769	5,488	338

EXPORTS.

For month of January, 1897.

	Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
Domestic	3,988	2,069	417	5,010	443
Foreign	17,432	1	17,843	31	000
	21,418	2,070	18,260	5,041	443

STOCKS.

Ashore and Afloat February 1, 1898.

	Ashore.	Afloat.	Total.
Cotton	12,661	5,400	18,061
Spirits	2,580	000	2,580
Rosin	31,324	8,397	39,721
Tar	8,273	232	8,505
Crude	234	000	234

STOCKS.

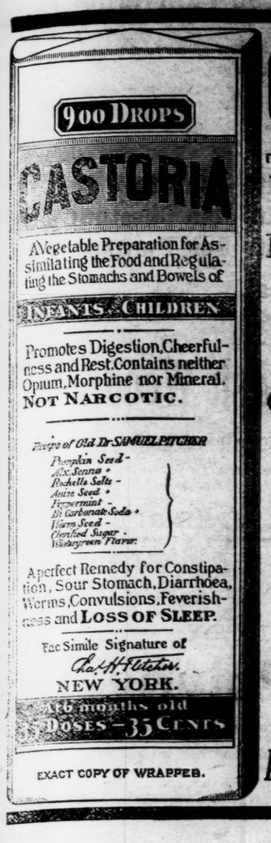
Ashore and Afloat February 1, 1897.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
10,292	1,436	30,267	7,301	279

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 1.—Money on call easy at 1½@1¾ per cent., last loan 1¾ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3@4 per cent. Sterling exchange was firmer, with actual business in bankers'



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"There are two events in my life," he says, "that mix me all up on the material, the spiritual and the influences that are operative in behalf of fate. At one time I was caught in the floods of the Mississippi valley. I had assisted in helping a good many and began to believe myself a kind of storm god who could successfully defy the elements when I was caught in the whirl one night and went booming toward the gulf with no better prospect than that I would in the end succumb. While floating on my back and striving to be philosophical, I felt my face swept by the leaves of a tree branch, seized it with both hands and was saved to live the remainder of my life.

"Three years later, because of experiences that made me weary of life, I was ready to cut the thread of my own existence. I had lost faith in humanity. It seemed to me that the last shred of honor, fraternity and good will had disappeared. While I was settling my affairs, with a view to taking the eternal future into my own hands, I met a woman who restored my faith and confidence. She was good. She routed my cynicism. She put a new face on this probationary existence of ours. She gave me new views, new impulses, new ambitions. It was her fair and dimpled hand that drew me back and filled me with a desire to go on to the end. She did what the unconscious tree branch had done three years before. Can it be that the same power was not behind both acts?"—Detroit Free Press.

A Trap For Bedbugs.

An ingenious plan is employed with great success in hospitals in India. It is to place a piece of wood, freely perforated with gimlet holes, under the mattress. The insects find their way into these holes, where they may afterward be destroyed by dipping the piece of wood into hot water.

All Wants Supplied.

"Nothing cheaper? Seems to me your silk hats are pretty high."

"That's the style," said the clerk coldly. "If you want a low hat, we can sell you a derby or flat straw."—Detroit Free Press.

The Hand THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE rules the world. But few appreciate the danger to which the expectant mother is exposed, and the foreboding with which she looks forward to the hour of approaching motherhood. By the use of

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IN THE GROSVENOR GALLERY.

They smile upon the western wall,
The lips that laughed an age agone,
The fops, the dukes, the beauties all,
Le Brun that sang and Carr that shone.
We gaze with idle eyes; we con
The faces of an elder time.
Alas, and ours is flitting on!
Oh, moral for an empty rhyme!

Think, when the tumult and the crowd
Have left the solemn rooms and chill,
When dilettanti are not loud,
When lady critics are not shrill,
Ah, think how strange upon the still,
Dim air may sound these voices faint!
Once more may Johnson talk his fill
And fair Dalrymple charm the saint!

Of us they speak as we of them.
Like us, perchance, they criticise.
Our wit, they vote, is Brummagem,
Our beauty—dim to Devon's eyes.
Their silks and lace our cloth despise,
Their pumps—our boots that pad the mud.
What modern fop with Walpole vies?
With St. Leger what modern blood?

Ah, true, we lack the charm, the wit.
Our very greatest, sure, are small,
And Mr. Gladstone is not Pitt,
And Garrick comes not when we call.
Yet—pass an age—and, after all,
Even we may please the folk that look
When we are faces on the wall
And voices in a history book.

In art the statesman still shall live,
With collars keen, with Roman nose;
To beauty still shall Millais give
The roses that outlast the rose.
The lords of verse, the slaves of prose,
On canvas yet shall seem alive
And charm the mob that comes and goes
And lives—in 1985.

—Saturday Review.

Feeding Incubator Reared Babies.

Each baby is fed every two hours, and the number of squeals which I heard during the half day that I spent with Dr. Lion and his rosy children showed me that babies, like bigger mortals, have an unerring idea of dinner hours. The clever nurses had evidently hit upon the excellent plan of feeding the children at different times, in order that they might wake up in rotation. It would have upset the whole system if they had all squealed at once. Just as soon as they were fed they were carried back to the incubators, with the inevitable blankets over their heads, and placed comfortably on the soft bedding, where they quickly sank to rest.

The use of the blanket is one evidence of the extreme care which Dr. Lion gives to his little charges. The temperature of the incubator is naturally higher than the temperature of the outside room, and, in the case of the premature babies, is maintained at a degree approximate to the temperature of the baby at the end of six, seven or eight months, as the case may be. The temperature of the "dining room" is about 25 degrees centigrade, or as near as possible to the temperature of the incubator as the nurses can stand.—Strand Magazine.

Our Lady of the Lanes.

Whenever the London sun touches the small dusky shops with a jumble of begrimed color—the old gold and scarlet of hanging meat, the metallic green of mature cabbages, the wavering russet of piled potatoes, the sharp white of flybills pasted all awry—then the moment to see her is come. You will find her bareheaded and tangled, her dingy peaked shawl hanging down her back and in front the bellying expanse of her soiled apron, blocking the pavement, established by her own corner of the lane, all littered with the cries of children, and the fitful throbbing of the asphalt beneath the hollow hammering of hoofs.

She carries always a baby by her breast. Her bare forearms are as bulky as a man's. In her eyes is a forward scowl, and when she laughs it is with harsh, strident gayety. But she never fails to wear her squalid portliness with robust and defiant dignity that makes her figure definitely symbolic of Cockney maternity. — Herbert Crackanthorpe.

He Got His Ribbon.

A good story is told of a French consul who had rendered important services to his country and had to wait a long time for a reward in the shape of a decoration. He determined to give the minister's memory a jog and to this end went to pay his respects to him every day with a bouquet nearly as big as a footman's drawing room posy in his coat. After many repetitions of this delicate hint his excellency exclaimed, "My word, you do love flowers, it seems, my friend!" staring at the floral trophy. "Ah, I wear them because I am so tired of answering the people who keep on asking why I am not decore," coolly replied the consul. The minister understood and the next month brought M. his ribbon.—Modern Society.

A CURIOUS THEATER.

WHERE PICTURESQUE AUDIENCES HEAR "ADVANCED" DRAMA.

The Performances Are Intermittent and Not Open to the Public—In Dress, Dialogue and "Business" Spectators Are More Interesting Than Actors.

The theater in question is in Paris, and its name is the Theatre de l'Œuvre. Before coming to the features of this institution which more especially concern us here a word must be said as to its nature. Since the disappearance of the famous Theatre Libre the Theatre de l'Œuvre is the most important of what the Parisians term the theatre a cote of the irregular theaters—that is, whose performances are intermittent and not open to the general public by payment at the doors, but to subscribers and—deadheads. The counterpart of these theaters in London is the Independent theater. It must not be supposed from what follows that the Theatre de l'Œuvre is a more or less fantastic institution without claim to be taken seriously. On the contrary, it has played an important part in recent French dramatic history. An account of the pieces it has produced and of the authors it has brought into notice would be most interesting and instructive, but is beyond our purpose, which is to deal with certain side characteristics of the performances M. Lugne-Poe has now been giving for several years.

At the Theatre de l'Œuvre it is to some extent a matter of indifference whether the piece be good or bad, whether it interests or bores you. Indeed it is sometimes the worst plays that have procured the spectators the most amusement. The reason is that, whatever is passing on the stage, there is always an immense amount of entertainment to be got out of the audience. In no other theater in existence is anything to be found at all equivalent to the gatherings formed by M. Lugne-Poe's subscribers and guests. Of the subscribers there is little to be said. They are people of means, and in many respects are much as other theater goers. No doubt, whether from conviction or from what the French call snobisme, they are curious about many things in connection with the dramatic art that are beyond the ken of the average Philistine who revels in a Palais Royal farce. They have been educated up to Ibsen to the extent, at any rate, of sitting out his plays, and they are alive to the portentous necessity of regenerating the drama. Still, if left to themselves the appearance they would present would merely be that of an ordinary well dressed crowd, and they would keep within bounds their demonstrations of satisfaction or discontent with the fare set before them.

It is the guests of M. Lugne-Poe that make an audience at the Theatre de l'Œuvre one of the most picturesque and liveliest gatherings imaginable. Admission is accorded in the most generous manner. If seats are not forthcoming, standing room is seldom refused, provided the applicant can make out even a shadowy claim to be interested in "advanced" drama. In consequence the young writers and fledgeling artists of Paris are present by the score. And they are good to look at and good to listen to. Genius in France, when very young, would consider itself wanting in self respect if it did not cultivate a distinctive "get up." The results of this striving after outward individuality are fearful and wonderful. The hair, the hat and the tie are the matters that receive most attention, but frock coats reaching down to the ankles are in high favor with the privileged few who can afford them, corduroy trousers of the pegtop order of design are greatly affected by the artists, and there is always an anarchist present—very often M. Jean Grave in person—in a flaming red jersey. The anarchists, too—anarchism is the fashionable opinion of the moment—have recently adopted a new model of hat. In shape it resembles the ordinary straw hat, but it is made of moderately hard felt and its color is black. The slouch "brigand" hat has ceased to be esteemed. Its place has been taken by another "soft felt" as nearly round as possible and not unlike a barber's bowl completed by a turned up rim. This description of calotte is worn without the usual adornment of a ribbon, and to be a success it should be as old and weather worn as possible, and dented in artistically haphazard fashion. Top hats are admissible if they are in antediluvian shade, and are considered particularly satisfactory when they are abnormally high in the crown and are finished off by a very broad, flat brim. But the greater glory of these intellectual young men is their hair. Words fail to do justice to the manifold arrangement of their locks. Length, of course, is a primary consideration, but while some of the hirsute sport carefully tended curls others go disheveled, and yet others seem to have taken refuge in a wig. The advisability of having a beard is responsible for strange sights in the shape of curious developments of fluff and thin, straggling growths on chins scarcely old enough for the razor.

These quaint persons rejoice in exceedingly sturdy convictions. They are tremendously in earnest. At the slightest pretext afforded by what is said on the stage they break out into a storm of applause or howls of indignation, as the case may be. As their opinions are almost as varied as the cut of their garments, applause and cat calling are always going on at the same time. The different "schools" group themselves so as to give greater force to their demonstrations. By a sort of unwritten convention the anarchists have acquired a right to the gallery. In the orchestra — there is no band—forgather as a rule the friends of the author. In one corner are to be found nothing but "symbolist" poets, in another the "naturists" stand elbow to elbow. These antagonist groups have only one feeling in common—their contempt for the Philistine. If the more bourgeoise section of the audience shows the least disposition to find a scene a trifle too audacious or really too incomprehensible—and such scenes crop up at the Theatre de l'Œuvre—all Bohemia is in a ferment and screeches of execration bring the offenders to their senses or at least reduce them to silence. The one unpardonable crime is to laugh at what you listen to. Everything must be taken seriously.—Pall Mall Gazette.

The Circle County.

The oddest shaped county among the 3,000 which go to make up the separate divisions of the various states is Warren county, Tenn. It lies almost exactly in the geographical center of the state mentioned and is about as near a perfect circle as any division of land could possibly be. The circle would be perfect but for the fact that there is a short stretch of the northern boundary line which follows a small stream for a short distance. It is bounded by Cannon, DeKalb, Coffee, Grundy, Van Buren and White counties and is in no way remarkable except in shape.—St. Louis Republic.

It has been calculated that in Great Britain the output of books is as follows: Sermons, one volume a day; novels, five a day; educational books, two a day; art and science, two of each every week; histories and biographies, six a week, and law, one every two weeks.

The science of biology dates from Treviranus' work on the subject in 1802. He dealt, according to the knowledge of his time, with the science of life.

The Coming Woman.

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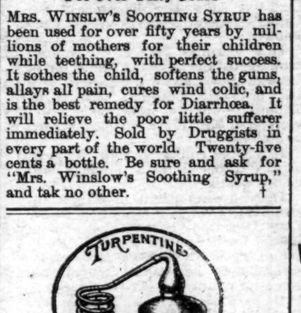

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DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND.

DAILY 9.35 A. M — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.09 A. M., Warsaw 11.15 A. M., Goldsboro 12.05 A. M., Wilson 12.55 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.40 P. M., Tarboro 2.45 P. M., Weldon 4.33 P. M., Petersburg 6.20 P. M., Richmond 7.15 P. M., Norfolk 6.05 P. M., Washington 11.30 P.M. Baltimore 1.00 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.58 A. M., †Boston 3.00 P. M.

DAILY 7.15 P. M — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.58 P. M., Warsaw 9.10 P. M., Goldsboro 10.10 P. M., Wilson 11.06 P. M., †Tarboro 6.45 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.57 P. M., Weldon 1.42 A. M., †Norfolk 10.30 A. M., Petersburg 3.14 A. M., Richmond 4.00 A. M., Washington 7.41 A. M., Baltimore 9.03 A. M., Philadelphia 11.25 A. M., New York 2.03 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.18 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 4.00 P. M. — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5.09 P. M., Chadbourn 5.41 P. M., Marion 6.48 P. M., Florence 7.25 P. M., Sumter 9.10 P. M., Columbia 10.30 P. M., Denmark 6.12 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M., Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M., Charleston 10.50 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 5.55 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P. M — No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.05 P. M., *New York 9.00 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 A. M., Baltimore 2.50 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 10.00 A. M., Norfolk 8.40 IA. M., Weldon 11.59 A. M., Tarboro 12.12 P. M., Rocky Mount 12.47 P. M., Wilson 2.37 P. M., Goldsboro 3.20 P. M., Warsaw 4.11 P. M., Magnolia 4.24 P. M.

DAILY 9.30 A. M — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 A. M., Philadelphia 12.00 P. M., Baltimore 2.25 P. M., Washington 3.40 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Petersburg 8.19 P. M., †Norfolk 2.30 P. M., Weldon 9.43 P. M., †Tarboro 6.01 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.40 A. M. Leave Wilson 6.29 A. M., Goldsboro 7.01 A. M., Warsaw 7.53 A. M. Magnolia 8.05 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.26 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.20 P. M. — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 A. M., Sanford 3.27 P. M., Jacksonville 7.40 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston 6.33 A. M., Columbia 6.00 A. M., Atlanta 8.20 A. M. Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.25 P. M., Sumter 8.08 A. M., Florence 9.58 A. M., Marion 10.36 A. M., Chadbourn 11.38 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 1209. P. M.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.35 P. M., Halifax 4.30 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.30 P. M., Greenville 6.57 P. M., Kinston 7.35 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.32 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. M., Weldon 11.33 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.30 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11.00 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.05 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.10 A. M.; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 8.30 A. M. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9.00 A. M.; arrive Goldsboro 10.35 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 P. M.; arrives Nashville 5.05 P. M., Spring Hope 5.30 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 8.00 A. M., Nashville 8.35 A. M.; arrive Rocky Mount 9.05 A. M., daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, Daily except Sunday, at 11.20 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning leave Clinton at 7.00 A. M and 3.00 P. M.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10.09 A. M.; arrive Latta 10.26 A. M., Dillon 10.38 A. M., Rowland 10.54 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.13 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.33 P. M., Latta 6.46 P. M., Pee Dee 7.10 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 A. M., Chadbourn 11.43 A. M.; arrive Conway 2.08 P. M.; leave Conway 2.45 P. M., Chadbourn 5.45 P. M.; arrive Hub 6.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6.27 P. M., Manning 6.58 P. M.; arrive Lane's 7.36 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.39 A. M., Manning 9.08 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.37 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 9.30 A. M., 7.53 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 12.00 M., 9.14 P. M.; leave Georgetown 7.00 A. M.; 3 P. M. arrive Lane's 8.25 A. M., 5.26 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9.55 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.28 A. M., Cheraw 11.40 A. M., Wadesboro 2.23 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 8.00 P. M.; arrive Darlington 8.35 P. M., Hartsville 9.31 P. M., Bennettsville 9.21 P. M., Gibson 9.45 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only at 9.55 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.27 A. M., Hartsville 11.10 A. M.

Leave Gibson daily except sunday at 6.35 A. M., Bennettsville 6.59 A. M., arrive Darlington 7.50 A. M. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday at 7.00 A. M.; arrive Darlington 7.45 A. M., leave Darlington 8.55 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.30 A. M. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 3.00 P. M., Cheraw 5.15 P. M., Darlington 6.29 P. M.; arrive Florence 7.00 P. M. Leave Hartsville Sunday only at 8.18 A. M., Darlington 9.00 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.30 A. M.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.30 P. M., 11.16 P. M.; arrive Selma 3.15 P. M., Smithfield 3.29 P. M., Dunn 4.00 P. M., Fayetteville 4.47 P. M., 1.14 A. M. Rowland 6.13 P. M.; returning leave Rowland 10.54 A. M., Fayetteville 12.18 P. M., 10.15 P. M. Dunn 1.01 P. M., Smithfield 1.39 P. M., Selma 1.47 P. M., arrive Wilson 2.35 P. M., 12.00 A. M.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad trains leave Sumter 4.29 A. M., Creston 5.17 A. M.; arrive Denmark 6.12 A. M. Returning leave Denmark 4.25 P. M., Creston 5.30 P. M., Sumter 6.26 P. M. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5.45 A. M.; arrive Pregnalls 9.15 A. M. Returning, leaves Pregnalls 10.00 A. M.; arrives Creston 3.50 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliot 11.10 A. M. and 7.30 P. M.; arrive Lucknow 1.00 P. M. and 8.30 P. M. Returning leave Lucknow 6.05 A. M. and 3.00 P. M.; arrive Elliot 8.25 A. M. and 3.30 P. M.

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Time Table No. 3.

To Take Effect Sunday, Nov. 28, 1897, at 12 M.

GOING EAST. 3 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	GOING EAST. 3 Pass'g'r Trains Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	GOING WEST. 4 Pass'g'r Trains Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro.....	11 05	.....
.....	4 22	Kinston.....	10 12	.....
5 25	5 45	Newbern.....	8 57	9 10
6 57	7 02	Morehead City..	7 42	7 47
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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Train 41—Leaves Wilmington 3:20 P. M., arrives Lumberton 5:26 P. M., Pembroke 5:46 P. M., Maxton 6:13 P. M., Laurinburg 6:28 P. M., Hamlet 6:55 P. M. Connects at Hamlet with train 41 for Charlotte and Atlanta, and with train 402 for Portsmouth, Richmond, washington and points North.

Train 4.—Leaves Portsmouth 9:00 A. M., arrives Weldon 11:41 A. M., Raleigh 3:30 P. M., Sanford 5:00 P. M., Hamlet 6:53 P. M., Rockingham 7:29 P. M., Wadesboro 8:11 P. M., Monroe 9:12 P. M., Charlotte 10:25 P. M., Athens 3:45 A. M., and Atlanta 6:30 A. M. Connection at Weldon with train from Richmond and all Northern points, Pullman sleeper, Portsmouth to Nashville, Tenn.

Train 403—Leaves Washington 4:10 P. M., Richmond 8:50 P. M., Portsmouth 8:45 P. M. Arrives Weldon 11:10 P. M., Raleigh 2.07 A. M., Sanford 3:35 A. M., Hamlet 5:10 A. M., Rockingham 5:53 A. M., Wadesboro 6:54 A. M., Monroe 6.45 A. M., Charlotte 7:50 A. M., Lincolnton 10:30 A. M., Shelby 11.18 A. M., Rutherfordton 12:30 noon, Athens 1:15 P. M., Atlanta 3:50 P. M. Connections at Atlanta for all points South and West. Pullman Sleeper, Washington to Atlanta, and Portsmouth to Chester.

Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8:30 A. M. Arrives Laurinburg 9:40 A. M., Maxton 9:03 A. M., Pembroke 9:31 A. M., Lumberton 9:53 A. M., Wilmington 12:05 noon. Connects at Hamlet with trains from Washington, Portsmouth, Charlotte and Atlanta.

Train 402—Leaves Atlanta 1:00 P. M. Arrives Athens 3:16 P. M., Monroe 9:20 P. M. Leaves Rutherfordton 4:35 P. M., arrives Shelby 5:53 P. M., Lincolnton 6:36 P. M., Charlotte 8.15 P. M., Monroe 9:10 P. M., Wadesboro 10:31 P. M., Rockingham 11:05 P. M., Hamlet 11:30 P. M., Sanford 1:08 A. M., Raleigh 2:16 A. M., Weldon 4:55 A. M., Portsmouth 7:35 A. M., Richmond 8:15 A. M., Washington 12:31 noon. Pullman Sleepers, Atlanta to Washington and Chester to Portsmouth.

Train 18—Leaves Hamlet 7:15 P. M., arrives Gibson 8:10 P. M. Returning, leaves Gibson 7:00 A. M., arrives Hamlet 7:30 A. M.

Train 17—Leaves Hamlet 8:40 A. M., arrives Cheraw 10:00 A. M. Returning, leaves Cheraw 5:00 P. M., arrives Hamlet 6:20 P. M.

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NORTH BOUND.	No. 2 DAILY.
Leave Wilmington	9 00 A. M
Arrive Fayetteville	12 10 P. M.
Leave Fayetteville	12 18 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	12 25 "
Leave Sanford	1 48 "
Leave Climax	3

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING FEB. 2

LUETGERT MURDER TRIAL.

Argument in the Case Begun—A Claimant for the Reward Offered for Mrs. Luetgert Puts in an Appearance.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, February 1.—The trial of Adolph Luetgert for the murder of his wife (Louise) came to an end to-day, as far as the taking of testimony is concerned. Assistant State Attorney McEwen at once started in on his closing address to the jury. It is expected that argument of counsel will take up a week.

A man giving the name of Jacob Luthardt called at the central police station this afternoon and announced himself as prepared to accept the $20,000 reward which police inspector Michael Schaack has offered for the production of Mrs. Louisa Luetgert, alive. The man said he had seen Mrs. Luetgert within forty-eight hours and could produce her within the same space of time. He said Mrs. Luetgert was within a short distance of Chicago with friends. According to Luthardt's story she is insane, but has lucid intervals. He was given a letter to Inspector Schaack, and that official not only agreed to make good the $20,000 he had originally offered, but promised to give Luthardt $500 additional for every day that was saved in the trial by the production of Mrs. Luetgert. The man is believed to be insane.

CHANNEL STEAMER WRECKED.

Twenty-two Persons Drowned, Including Eighteen Passengers.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PLYMOUTH, ENG., February 1.—It is reported that the mail steamer Channel Queen has been totally wrecked off the island of Guernsey. The captain has been saved, but thirty persons are supposed to have been lost.

The Channel Queen's engines were reversed when the rocks were seen, but it was then too late. The first boat load reached land and sought help of the fishermen, who made gallant rescues, although the heavy sea prevented their boats from approaching the wreck. The survivors had to be dragged by ropes through the sea to the rescuing boats. The captain was the last to leave the wreck.

The latest report is that twenty-two were drowned, the chief engineer and eighteen passengers, including fourteen onion sellers, who were drowned in their cabin when the sea swamped the vessel. The rescued passengers lost everything, even their clothing.

MINERS' MURDERERS.

Trial of Sheriff Martin and His Eighty-Two Deputies.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WILKESBARRE, PA., February 1.—Not since the trials of the Molly Maguires has a case attracted so much interest in the coal region as that of Sheriff Martin and his eighty-two deputies, which began in the Luzerne County Court to-day.

Sheriff Martin and his deputies are charged with shooting and killing twenty-two striking miners and wounding over fifty more, at Latimer, this county, on September 10th, 1897. The deputies marched in in a body, and after seating themselves began to read the morning papers.

The prosecution committee, which has its headquarters at Hazelton, claims to have sufficient evidence to convict fifteen of the defendants. It is alleged that every one of the fifteen made threats on the morning of the shooting. It is also claimed that Sheriff Martin had an understanding with the deputies.

OHIO BRIBERY CASE.

Two Hackmen Examined by the Senate Investigating Committee.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

COLUMBUS, O., February 1.—Two hackmen were examined by the Senate committee investigating the bribery charges this evening. The purpose of the testimony was to show that N. H. Boyce, who is alleged to have attempted to bribe Representative Otis, came to Columbus on the afternoon of January 10th, inauguration day, and met Major Rathbone, one of Senator Hanna's lieutenants. The testimony failed utterly of its purpose. The hackmen told about having driven two men around the city, but could not describe either of them, nor did they hear any conversation that would give any clue to the identity of the two men.

A HOTEL BURNED.

Six Persons Perished in the Flames—A Dozen or More Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

GLOVERSVILLE, N. Y., February 1.—The Alvord House, a five-story brick building, was totally destroyed by fire between 7 and 8 o'clock this morning. Six persons perished in the flames and a dozen others were more or less injured in making their escape. There were a number of thrilling escapes.

The total loss on building, furniture and property of guests will probably amount to $100,000. The fire started near the laundry, but from what cause it is not known. It spread with such rapidity that no article of furniture could be saved and most of the guests of the hotel were obliged to leave in their night clothes.

TENNESSEE'S SENATOR.

Thomas B. Turley, A Free Silver Democrat, Chosen on First Ballot.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NASHVILLE, TENN., February 1.—The Democratic caucus on the first ballot to-night nominated for Senator, Thomas B. Turley, of Memphis, to fill the unexpired term of Isham G. Harris. Mr. Turley was appointed Senator by Governor Taylor, after Senator Harris' death. The ballot stood: Turley, 46; McMillin, 43; Taylor, 1.

The joint convention of the two houses of the Legislature will elect Mr. Turley Senator to-morrow at noon. His term will expire March 4th, 1901. Senator Turley is 53 years of age, one of the most prominent lawyers in Memphis, an ex-Confederate soldier and a 16 to 1 free silver Democrat.

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PROCEEDINGS IN CONGRESS.

Senator Clark's Statement Concerning His Vote on the Teller Resolution.

SHORT SESSION IN SENATE.

Another Political Debate in the House—Most of the Session Devoted to Consideration of the District of Columbia Appropriation Bill.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 1.—No business of importance was transacted by the Senate in open session to-day. The feature of the short session was a statement made by Senator Clark, Republican, Wyoming, as a matter of personal privilege, concerning his vote in favor of the Teller resolution.

Senator Clark had received a dispatch from his State, published in Eastern newspapers, to the effect that Henry G. Hay, chairman of the Laramie County Republican Committee, had resigned on account of the votes cast by the Wyoming Senators for the Teller resolution. Senator Clark stated that so much had been said concerning the votes of Wyoming's Senators and as to the significance of those votes, that he deemed it wise to make a statement. He expressed surprise that the motives and designs of those voting for the resolution should have been impugned. He said that the attempt made to commit the Republican party to a line of policy never laid down and never contemplated by that party, and the further effort to read out of the party those Republicans who voted for the resolution, would fail. As for himself he declined most emphatically to be read out of the Republican party and was satisfied that the masses of that party would never convict him of political heresy on account of his vote, Senator Clark thought that the Democrats ought, in view of their record, to have supported the Nelson amendment, providing that gold and silver coins should be maintained at a parity. He thought that the vote he had cast was no stain on his political party honor and his vote for the Nelson amendment was cast as a protest against silver monometallism. He felt that his vote was in line with the Republican policy outlined at St. Louis.

Senator Morgan's resolution, calling upon the President for correspondence and information relating to the arbitration of the British seizure claims, was adopted.

The Senate then, at 12:40, on motion of Senator Davis, chairman of the Foreign Relations committee, went into executive session.

At 4:45 P. M., the Senate adjourned.

House of Representatives.

The House devoted most of the session to-day to the District of Columbia Appropriation bill, but had not completed it at the time of adjournment. Some politics were injected into the debate just at the close.

The House at 12:30 P. M. went into committee of the whole and resumed consideration of the District of Columbia Appropriation bill, which was begun on Saturday.

At 4 o'clock the debate drifted into politics. Mr. Simpson, Populist, Kansas, attempted to show from clippings from Maine papers that there had been no return of prosperity in the lumber industry in that State. He also attacked New Jersey as the home of trusts.

Mr. Dingley, in reply, declared that the Maine papers were full of evidences of the improvement in the lumber industry. The clippings quoted were the exception. It was, he said, another proof that gentlemen on the other side could see the speck on the barn door, but could not see the door.

Mr. Pitney of New Jersey, Republican, defended his State. He declared that New Jersey had been trust-ridden because for years it had been under Democratic domination. The Democratic Legislature had knocked down legislation to the highest bidder. Laws were to be had by those who had the price. The last crowning infamy of Democratic legislation was an attempt to carry out the mandates of the coal combine by which the price of coal was to be advanced $1 per ton. But at last, said Mr. Pitney, the wise, patriotic people of New Jersey had risen in their might and swept the Democrats from power. They had repudiated utterly the infamous doctrine preached by Bryan in 1896 and had elected as Governor last year a gentleman (Attorney General Griggs) who had been to-day called to a larger sphere of usefulness in President McKinley's cabinet. [Republican applause.]

Mr. Handy, Democrat, Delaware, as an evidence of the lack of prosperity, read a letter from a friend in Philadelphia, who said he had counted 240 unemployed persons who on a single day visited a charitable soup-house in Kensington.

Mr. Adams, Republican, in reply, declared that the report of the factory inspector of Pennsylvania showed that 125,000 more persons were employed in the factories now than at this time last year. As to the soup houses in Kensington, they fed 30,000 unemployed under the free trade tariff.

Mr. Mahony, Republican, New York, presented in open house the protest of 10,000 German-American voters against the Lodge immigration bill. He made an impassioned speech against the intolerance of those who desired to close the gates to immigration, and when Mr. Stone, Republican, Pennsylvania, interrupted him he turned upon the Pennsylvanian and denounced him as one who desired to precipitate a race question, as one who had attacked the Irish, the Germans, the Poles, and every other nationality. "I commend you," he shouted, "to the voters of Pennsylvania as one whose Americanism cannot stand the test."

"Is the sergeant-at-arms present?" was the only comment of Mr. Stone when Mr. Mahony concluded.

At 4:45 P. M. the House adjourned.

A NEGRO LYNCHED.

He Murdered a Watchman on the N. & W. Railroad.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

BRAMWELL, W. VA., February 1.—An unknown negro who was refused the privilege of walking through a tunnel of the Norfolk & Western railroad near here last night, shot Harry Draper, the watchman, killing him instantly. A posse soon formed and captured the negro later, placing him in jail. At midnight fifty men took the prisoner from the jail and lynched him, after which his body was riddled with bullets.

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A NORTHEAST SNOW STORM

Caused Loss of Several Lives and Immense Damage to Property in Boston.

MOST SEVERE IN MANY YEARS

Traffic Suspended—Wires Levelled in All Directions—Electric Lights Shut Off—Disasters to Shipping—Blizzard Still Raging.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BOSTON, February 1.—A northeast snow storm which set in yesterday and raged until this afternoon completely paralyzed all branches of business and street car and railroad traffic and shut off the city from communication by wire with all places outside the city limits of Boston. The storm was the most severe this city has experienced in twenty-five years and caused the loss of several lives, besides doing damage of hundreds of thousands of dollars. Between one and five o'clock this morning a foot of heavy wet snow settled over the city and levelled wires in all quarters. More than half the electric lights of the city went out.

In the suburban towns the fire alarm service was crippled. Broken wires falling across others started a fire in the electric room of the elegant residence of Charles J. Traveller, the wealthy Pittsburg steel manufacturer, and in two hours nothing remained of the house but ashes. Mr. Traveller's family escaped in their night-clothes without saving anything. The loss amounts to about $100,000.

Late last night the big three-masted schooner Charles T. Briggs, of Bath, Me., coal laden, was dashed to pieces on the Nahant coast and it is believed her crew of eight men perished. The body of one of the crew has been recovered.

All suburban trolley lines were abandoned at midnight, and the steamers were unable to run more than two or three suburban trains during the forenoon. All through trains from New York and the West, as well as those from the East, were from four to six hours late.

The city and suburbs are covered with broken poles and tangled wires. Many horses were killed in the streets by stepping upon the ends of telephone wires which had fallen across the trolley wires.

To-night the situation has assumed such a dangerous aspect that Mayor Quince ordered that none of the electric lights be turned on except in districts where the wires are under ground. It will require weeks to restore the telephone and telegraphic service. Not a single telegraph wire out of Boston was in operation all day and the telephone wires were in almost as bad condition. This afternoon the telephone service as far as Worcester was established.

Shipping in the harbor was damaged greatly during last night and the early morning. It is feared that many disasters to coast shipping will be reported when telegraphic communication is restored.

The centre of the storm appeared to be in the vicinity of New Bedford, and the brunt of it fell on Boston and territory within a radius of fifteen or twenty miles. From meager reports received from the middle and western parts of the State, the storm there was much less severe. Here, about twenty inches of snow fell.

At Dedham to-day, three Italians shoveling snow on the Providence division of the New York, New Hampshire and Hartford railroad, were struck by a train and killed. A number of less serious accidents were reported.

A number of trains met with accidents in different parts of the State, but as far as known there were no additional fatalities.

Severe at Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA February 1.—The snow and wind storm of last night and to-day was one of the most severe experienced in this section since the big blizzard. All trains are behind time and several accidents are reported, but none of any gravity. The storm was severely felt throughout Eastern Pennsylvania. Two Reading rail freight trains collided near Tamaqua, demolishing both engines and injuring the fireman, brakeman and conductor. Traffic was delayed seven hours.

A dispatch from Cape May, N. J., says the severe Northwest storm which prevails along the coast to-night has done no damage. The ocean is very rough, but no vessels are in sight. The wind is blowing with great velocity.

The Blizzard Continues.

NEW YORK, February 1.—The storm which begun Sunday night swept over New York State with great fury and to-day was central in the New England States. Northern New York is snow-bound and the extent of damage in New England cannot be approximated.

"The up-the-State" residents have suffered from temperature as low as 20 degrees and more below zero. At Albany, Troy, Saratoga and many other places in the State as much as two and three feet of snow has fallen, and reports to-night are to the effect that the blizzard is still raging, the worst storm since the memorable one of 1888.

Residents of this city have had to battle their way to business against a gale of wind that at times swept along at forty miles an hour and carried sheets of snow with it.

Much delay was caused to the railway mail service; that from the Northern part of the State has been practically cut off, and trains running on the New York Central railroad were from four to five hours late.

Great Damage at Gloucester.

GLOUCESTER, MASS., February 1.—The storm at Gloucester was one of the worst in many years and the damage in its wake will foot up about $200,000.

About one thousand fishing and other vessels were wholly or partly wrecked. Eighteen lives are said to have been lost, and there may be twelve more which have gone down on missing vessels. A great number of vessels were driven ashore and more or less injured. They succeeded in getting off again. There was no railroad connection with Boston or outside towns until 6 o'clock to-night.

BOSTON, February 1.—A three-masted schooner thought to be the Charles S. Briggs, of Bath, Maine laden with coal was wrecked off Little Nahant last night. It is believed there were eight men on board and all are supposed to have been drowned. The vessel is a total wreck. The vessel was probably wrecked about eight o'clock last night. The fierce northeasterly gale which was blowing at that time accompanied by a heavy fall of snow made passage upon the sea exceedingly hazarduous. The vessel struck upon the ledge north of Egg Rock light and was smashed to pieces. Parts of the ill-fated schooner lined the shore to-day. From the moment that she struck there was no possible chance for the members of the crew to save themselves. The body of one of the crew, a man about 35 years of age, was found this morning among the wreckage. It was frozen to a plank and was much disfigured.

ANNEXATION OF HAWAII.

Its Friends Are Confident That the Treaty Will be Ratified.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The condition in the Senate respecting the Hawaiian annexation treaty has greatly improved and the friends of the treaty, including Senator Davis, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, are confident that sixty Senators, whose votes are necessary for a two-third majority, will vote for ratification. Confidence in the changed condition is found in the determination of the friends of ratification to press forward the treaty to a final vote. This feeling was shown when the proceedings of the Senate on the treaty in executive session to-day were opened. Senator Thurston made a motion for the postponement of further consideration of the treaty until the last of March. The motion was not discussed at length, and was voted down viva voce.

Senator White, of California, spoke in opposition to the ratification of the treaty. His was in the main a constitutional argument, intended to show that the annexation of territory which would require a navy to defend it had been from the beginning opposed to our theory of government. Mr. White read liberal extracts from Secretary Sherman's book, in which the Secretary dwells upon the unwisdom of making the islands a part of the United States, and he laid especial stress upon the Secretary's remarks in the latter part of his book to the effect that he hoped there would be no further effort to annex the islands during his lifetime.

Senator White had not concluded his argument when the Senate adjourned. He took occasion to remark in reply to Senator Platt's statement that the Sugar Trust was opposed to the treaty that most of the Senators who were popularly believed to be interested in the Sugar Trust were favorable to the treaty.

STORM AT ST. JOHN'S.

Mercury Twenty Degrees Below Zero—A Steamer in Distress.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., February 1.—A blizzard is raging here to-day. A large number of men have been driven off by an ice-floe into Trinity bay and it is feared there will be a repetition of the disaster of seven years ago when forty perished. The thermometer shows twenty degrees below zero and the cold is so terrible that some loss of life must result. The government is dispatching a rescue steamer to the endangered men. An unidentified steamer, believed to be the Jamaica, Capt. Petersen, from New York, January 25th, for St. John's, with a general cargo, is visible in an ice-floe off Ferriland, thirty miles south of this port. She is flying distress signals and it is feared that she has been seriously injured.

CHICKAMAUGA PARK.

An Unauthorized Report Contradicted by the Commission.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 1.—The published statement that the Secretary of War has granted permission to run electric double-decked tally-ho coaches through the Chickamauga National Park, equipped with storage batteries, gasolene engines and dynamos, is wholly unauthorized. This report having been brought to the attention of the park commission, the chairman says that no such permission has been given, or is likely to be given, for the reason that such heavy vehicles would destroy costly roads of the park and running at any speed, to say nothing of the twelve miles an hour rate which is proposed, they would render the entire mileage of the park dangerous for all riding or driving.

ESCAPED FROM JAIL.

Nine Men Sawed Their Way Out at Norfolk, Virginia, and Are Still at Large.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 1.—Shortly after 6 o'clock this evening there was a wholesale delivery from the Norfolk county jail, nine men effecting their escape by sawing through the bars of the rear basement window. The men, some of whom had recently been sentenced to varying terms in the penitentiary, were turned into the corridor to get warm before being locked up for the night. The first intimation of their escape was given by an outsider in time to prevent all the prisoners in jail from escaping. Nothing has been heard of those who got out though the entire special and regular police force is looking for them.

PRESIDENT DOLE.

An Elaborate Entertainment in His Honor at the White House.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 1.—The most elaborate entertainment of the present official season marked the welcome of President Dole, of Hawaii, at the White House this evening. The decorations were exceedingly beautiful and in perfect artistic taste. The guests included the members of the Cabinet, Senators, Congressmen and other distinguished officials.

WARM WIRELETS.

J. H. McBrayer's nomination as postmaster at Shelby, N. C., was yesterday confirmed by the Senate.

The President has nominated George M. Powers, of West Virginia, to be commissioner of fish and fisheries.

The plant of the United Rubber Co., at Naugatuck, Conn., was gutted by fire last night, causing a loss of more than $700,000; partly insured.

The thermometer at Toronto, Ont., registered ten degrees below zero early yesterday. Strong winds have drifted the snow to such an extent as to interfere with railway traffic.

Prior to the sailing of the first-class armored cruiser Vizcaya for the United States the admiral made a speech to the crew, during which he said: "You are charged with a mission of peace."

The Carnegie Oliver Mining Company, Wisconsin, operating four of the largest iron mines, and employing 1,500 men, announces an increase of ten per cent. in the wages of all their employes.

At mid-night the thermometer at Richmond, Va., was down to twenty, with prospect of a still more decided fall. Southwest Virginia reported a blizzard blowing and at Newport News a forty-mile gale.

Fire was discovered in the Governor's mansion, Richmond, Va., yesterday afternoon. It was soon put out, and little damage was done. The fire had its origin in one of the chimneys ot the mansion.

Mr. Thos. T. Thompson, ex-minister to Brazil, ex-Congressman, ex-Secretary of the State of California and one of the most prominent Democrats in the State, cut his throat while temporarily insane at Santa Rosa.

N. C. RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Propose to Proceed Against Railroads for Issuing Free Passes to Newspapers.

A REDUCTION IN CORN RATES.

Collector Duncan's Appointments—Public Schools—Railroads Summoend to Show a List of Free Passes Issued Last Year.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 1.

The Railway Commission will next proceed against the Railways—and of course the Southern—for issuing free passes to newspapers. Otho Wilson admitted, when being examined as a witness before the Commission, that he received passes this year as editor of the *Hayseeder*. Otho will probably be called on to show his newspaper passes, so that proceedings can be inaugurated.

Dr. Abbott says that the issuance of passes to newspapers by the railroads cannot be interfered with. He says that the papers and railroads enter into a legitimate contract for advertising purposes and that the Commission cannot prevent it.

Governor Russell sent for Clerk Brown of the Railroad Commission late Saturday afternoon, and had a lengthy consultation with him.

The new commissioners turned up this morning bright and early, and proceeded at once to the commissioners' office, where a session was being held. Mr. Caldwell says the hurried meeting was called at the instance of Dr. Abbott for the purpose of reducing corn rates. Very funny, isn't it? The commission adjourned Friday to meet again the 17th of February, when important matters will be before the board. Now the commission hurries to Raleigh to take up corn rates, and that, too, after the decision of the United States Supreme Court is made known.

This morning Mr. E. C. Duncan took the oath of office as Collector of Internal Revenue for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Mr. H. C. Thompson was also sworn in as chief clerk, and Mr. Oliver H. Dockery, Jr., as cashier.

This is the coldest day of the year. The Weather Bureau predicts still colder weather.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction received information to-day that Davidson county has raised $103.31 for her public schools. Rutherford gives $1,850.35 by private subscription to her public schools, the largest amount yet given. Mecklenburg gives $541.74. Mr. Mebane says the State will duplicate a like amount.

Chairman Caldwell says the rule served on him by the U. S. Court to show cause why he should not be attached for contempt. Indeed? Commissioner Pearson says the ruling is a victory. The hopefulness and cheerfulness of these two worthies in the midst of defeat is something remarkable.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

Collector Simmons' associates presented him with a handsome suit of office furniture to-night.

Collector Duncan re-commissions the deputy collectors for thirty days, save W. T. Caho, of Newbern, who resigned. The clerks are all re-commissioned.

The Railway Commission orders that shipments of corn in large quantities be changed from class D to K; it is a reduction of about ten per cent.

It is ordered that the Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line be summoned to show, on February 17th, a list of free passes issued last year,

Railroads are required to settle all claims and overcharges promptly.

A Successful Ruse.

A certain captain included among his cargo a couple of gallon jars of fine brandy. Incidentally he also included a remarkably smart and intelligent cabin boy. The worthy skipper had a deep rooted aversion to the inconvenient curiosity of the revenue officers. In short, he desired to land his brandy without their aid.

Upon berthing his vessel alongside the quay, a plank was pushed on to the jetty, and as soon as the patrol came within a few yards the cabin boy, carrying the jars, stepped ashore and was immediately accosted by the customs officer. The following dialogue ensued:

"Well, my lad, what have you got there?"

"Can't tell you, sir."

"But you must."

"Captain said I wasn't to, sir."

"Oh, but I'm a custom house officer, my boy, and if you don't tell me what you have there I shall call that constable over yonder and have you arrested."

"Well, sir, captain'll just kill me if he knows. He said I was to take the jars to Mr. ——" (mentioning the officer's name), "12 B—— street, with his compliments."

"Oh, yes: I see. It's all right. I'm Mr. ——. Here's a shilling for your honesty, and, see, go out this way."

The officer is still waiting for the arrival of that boy and brandy, and will have to wait.—London Tit-Bits.

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THE FAR EAST.

Situation Very Serious—Japan Preparing Actively for War.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LONDON, February 1.—A dispatch to the *Daily Mail* from Naga Saki says:

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